



## SOUTH CENTRAL OREGON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, Southwest  
Washington, D.C. 20554  
Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau

Subject: WC Docket No. 10-90  
US 14676 Connect America Fund (CAF)  
Rural Broadband Experiments-FY 2014  
Letter of Interest  
South Central Oregon Economic Development District

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Lake County Oregon and in partnership with Tnet Broadband Internet LLC (a local internet provider with over 15 years of service to Lake County) the South Central Economic Development District (SCOEDD) proposes to provide broadband internet service to US Census Tract 960100.

US Census Tract 960100 encompasses all but the southwestern corner of Lake County Oregon. This area is approximately 7,203 square miles in size (larger than the State of Connecticut) with a population of 2,756 residents. The area is home to four small school districts and three rural communities that currently have between little or no broadband access (1.57 to 2.0 Mbps combined up and downlink capability).

Given the local geography of the high desert, our project will employ cutting edge wireless technology (WiFi). The outcome of this technology will be that the entire area will have broadband capacity (25Mbps) that is easy to access and is competitively priced.

Tnet Broadband Internet LLC has submitted a budget to our organization (SCOEDD) that requires 2.7 million dollars to create this large area broadband network. Furthermore, this is a one-time funding project with a guaranteed successful completion 1 year after funding is approved for the organization. The majority of the funds requested will be used for capital expenses such as the building of towers and providing additional equipment needed to expand operations.

A large percentage of Lake County is controlled by federal agencies, i.e., National Forest, and Bureau of Land Management; consequently, our local elected officials and members of our US Congressional Delegation will be involved with this project as some of the sites (tower locations) would have to be located on land managed by the previously stated federal agencies. Our government officials are committed to make broadband a reality for these rural areas and residents.

The South Central Oregon Economic Development District is honored to present this non-binding letter of intent on behalf of our partners and the residents of rural Lake County. It is our sincere hope that we be able to bring broadband capability to our rural residents if for no other reason than to allow the rural children of our county the opportunity to become members of a global society that the internet has created for individuals who have broadband.

Sincerely and Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betty Riley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Betty" and last name "Riley" clearly distinguishable.

Betty Riley, Executive Director  
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**Proposed Service Area**

Tnet Broadband Internet LLC, would supply Wireless Broadband to the Lake County Oregon communities of Paisley, Adel, Plush, Christmas Valley and Silver Lake (US Census Tract 960100)

**Proposed Broadband Service**

Wireless Broadband Internet Service. With transmission speeds up to 25 Megabytes per second.

**Funding**

Tnet Broadband Internet LLC, estimates construction, maintenance and ongoing expenses to be approximately \$2,500,000.00.

Tnet Broadband Internet LLC expects to have all areas covered within a year after construction begins.

**Contact**

Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

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